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Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for helping me to understand your concerns regarding development of your federal mining claims. I realize that the requirements for operating a mining claim are confusing when more than one agency is involved. However, I have spoken with Tom Tidwell of the Spanish Fork Ranger District, and he is anxious to help you complete necessary requirements.

As I explained when we spoke on November 10, the Forest Service is responsible for approving the surface disturbance you will be doing on the claims. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responsible for verifying your right to be extracting minerals from the claims. This includes filing of the claims and annual assessment work. And as you noted, you are also required to file information on the claims and your annual assessment work with the county clerk.

I recommend that you call Tom Tidwell (798-3571) and arrange a time when you can meet with him to complete the information needed to approve the work you plan to do on your claims. He will help you with the additional information which is needed from the BLM.

I hope this resolves your problem. If you have further questions or concerns, please call me at the above number.

Best regards,

Dianne R. Nielson

Director

cc: Senator Eldon A. Money

Tom Tidwell